

1876.

After <sup>5</sup> On returning home recently from a visit to our great Ch. at Phil., I found a letter from your estimable aunt, dated May 30, acknowledging the receipt of ~~the~~ a little des. volume from me, pertaining to the death of my dearly beloved wife, and expressing the tenderest sympathy and the kindest regard, and concluding as follows: - "I can say no more. My departure is evidently near, & I hold the pen with difficulty. Accept the sympathy & fervent blessing of your old friend H. H." Grateful beyond measure as I was to receive the precious token of her affectionate remembrance, I felt extremely sorry that she should have made the effort to write it, as I had long been aware of her great physical prostration, and, in consequence, rather anticipated and desired any such response - needing no assurance of her beautiful sympathy in my stricken condition. But, though she referred to the time of <sup>my</sup> departure as near at hand, her handwriting was so firm & legible, & she has been so long an invalid, ~~that~~ I did not feel specially apprehensive in regard to her case, ~~and~~ but hoped her ~~too~~ prophet's vision might prove erroneous. To my grief, if not surprise, just as I was preparing to send her my thanks & best wishes, our daily newspapers contained a telegraphic announcement of her decease on the 27th ultimo, ~~but~~ but giving no particulars.

It was said of old, "Know ye not that a  
prince has this day fallen in Israel?" so it may  
as truthfully be said in her case, "Know ye not  
that one of the noblest women of the earth has passed  
away?" Indeed, the civilized world will need no  
such interrogation; for the fame of her literary  
genius, her philosophic grasp of mind, her  
politic<sup>o</sup>-economical <sup>organic</sup> ability, her solid un-  
derstanding and well-balanced faculties, her  
world-embracing sympathy with suffering  
humanity, her fearless advocacy of ~~truth~~<sup>the right</sup>  
against popular opinion, her comprehensive  
and varied knowledge, her untrammeled utter-  
ance of what ~~was~~ ~~revered~~ ~~to be~~ she believed  
to be true, however deemed or denominated as  
heretical, has long since "rung from side to  
side."

Never shall I cease to remember with pride and admiration the sublime exemplification of her great character when she was in this country in  
the year 1838 — the most vivid, & the most perni-  
cious period of the A. S. struggle, when only  
sympathy availed for it was sure to be fol-  
lowed by social ostracism and public con-  
~~tempt~~

tempt. She might have plausibly excused herself for taking a non-committal course in the grand trial that she was a transient visitor from a foreign land, and it was a matter that was so interwoven with the politics and religion of the country — nay, with the very structure of the law. Yet — that it did not become her to meddle therewith; but that it was impossible for a soul like hers to resort to such a subterfuge. She did not seek the trial, nor did she shrink from it; but with modesty, yet with firmness and candor, she gave to the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> vibrato slave voice her testimony to the wrongfulness of slaveholding, and she gave to the hate its.

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To Jane Martineau,  
on the death of Harriet Martineau.  
January 4, 1876.

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See Vol. 2, p. 576 of  
H. M.'s Autobiography.

"If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

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William Lloyd Garrison Esq,  
Dear Sir,

At the International Convention  
of Temperance Women, of which the en-  
closed circular gives full accounts, we  
desire some expression from American  
leaders of thought.

Will you please examine our circular  
and send at the earliest day possible  
— as the date is near at hand — such  
words of counsel and of cheer, as  
you deem fitting.

Yours sincerely  
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